IMMUNIZATION POLICY

STUDENT HEALTH

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine shares the responsibility for maintenance of student health with the individual student. After the student complies and provides their immunization record/history, the information will be entered into their permanent file and will be accessible to them electronically via ‘the Zone’. Students can expect to be notified by email if their immunizations are not up-to-date.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All students are required to have the following immunizations or a positive titer, prior to matriculation.

**MMR** 2 doses OR
Separately
**MUMPS** 2 doses
**RUBELLA** 1 dose
**MEASLES** 2 doses
**VARICELLA** 2 doses (Having a history of the disease is not sufficient)

**DPT** (childhood) 3 doses

**Tdap** (adult) 1 dose dated within 10 years of expected graduation date

**POLIO** (childhood) 4 doses

**PPD** dated after May 1st of the year of matriculation.

Students are expected to be tested for TB annually and update their student immunization record accordingly.

**NOTE: POSITIVE TB** – Student must provide documentation indicating date of positive test results and a clear chest x-ray dated within three (3) months of their matriculation date. The student should not be tested again for TB or provide a new chest x-ray, unless a new exposure occurs or the student becomes symptomatic.

VERIFICATION OF IMMUNIZATION

The student must provide one (1) of the following:

1. Copies of medical records from their health care providers that indicate the completion of the requirements listed above.
2. Copies of the lab reports indicating a positive titer.
3. A complete immunization form that is provided to the students inside their matriculation packet. This form must be completed and signed by the student’s health care provider.

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ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

All immunization information/documentation provided by the student will become part of the student’s permanent record. This information may be used to answer queries from hospitals and clinics that need to know the student’s status with respect to immunity to infectious disease while caring for patients. These records are available to the student via ‘The Zone’. Students are encouraged to update their record with the Student Affairs Office with any changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that each entering student have a medical history and physical examination by a physician.